

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/539,758
Reply to Office Action dated October 16, 2007

Remarks:

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated October 16, 2007. Claims 9-19 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-8 are currently pending.

In the Office Action, a Restriction Requirement under Unity of Invention was placed upon the Application. The Action indicated that a single invention must be restricted between two Groups, namely:

Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a steel composition; and

Group II, claims 9-19, drawn to a process for manufacturing a cold rolled TRIP steel product.

The Office Action indicated that the inventions do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features as the prior art and supports restriction of the claimed subject matter to Groups I and II.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a steel composition. Applicants elect Group I without traverse.

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A speedy and favorable action on the merits is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicants' Representative at (612) 336-4728.



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Respectfully submitted,

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